



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY MILITARY POLICE SCHOOL
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Dear Members of the Military Police Corps Regiment:

On September 11, 2001, I was in my cubicle at Criminal Investigation Division Command watching the devastation of the World Trade Center when there was breaking news. American Flight 77 had penetrated the outer ring of the Pentagon. By the end of the day, I was standing outside the Pentagon watching the black smoke rolling out of the building. On this day, the whole country bonded together. This was also the day the Regiment started a transition from then to now, where the theater operations and the responsibilities of the Regiment are amazingly different-- the increase in forensic labs, the need for more military working dogs, the development of the Iraqi Police Officers and placing CID agents in Brigade Combat Teams.

CID is a command that pulls from all career fields and we are blessed with the variety of talented Soldiers we have developed. In order to make our Regiment stronger we should increase recruiting from within the ranks, as well as the other fields. We have to build and maintain the skill set so desperately needed for the current and future battle focus. Instead of losing Soldiers to the civilian workforce, we need to encourage and support other options, whether it is military working dog, corrections, CID or even another MOS. I have been a mechanic with a secondary MOS, a Military Police Soldier and finally a Staff Sergeant Special Agent before transitioning to the Warrant Officer Corps. Change and increased challenges are good and should always be encouraged; it improves on the inner self and develops better Soldiers.

I look to challenge the status quo. The world constantly changes around us, the enemy changes, and so must we. I challenge each of us to take ownership of who we are as one Regiment, seek improvement and work closer together. For my part, I will listen and work to develop a plan of action where we will find common ground where change is for the future health of our Regiment and supports the Soldiers at the point of the spear. Education and understanding of challenges and common goals, which starts at the Home of the Regiment, must be strengthened in the field.

There are many Warrant Officers, NCOs and Officers who ensured I was a well rounded Soldier but there was one Major, who passed away in 2007, who made me understand what it meant to have heart. He battled cancer and won the first time. When the cancer returned, he never stopped laughing and making the team at the 1000th MP Battalion (CID) happy to come to work. MAJ Kelly Weinberg was a man every Soldier would be proud to know. He was the consummate team player and always sought the right way, not the easy way.

I am proud to be part of our Military Police Corps Regiment. As we embrace our roles and understand how each one of us brings something to the fight, our Regiment and our Army will be stronger than ever.

Respectfully,

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